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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM USDEL SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK DATED
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GGDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), IS, US

SUBJECT: STATUS OF WORKING PAPER ON GENEVA CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING WILL BRING YOU UP TO DATE, AS BACKGROUND FOR
YOUR MEETING WITH BEGIN, ON DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT OT
"THE WORKING PAPER" SINCE YOU LEFT NEW YORK.

2. DINITZ SPOKE TO HABIB WEDNESDAY TO CONVEY COMMENTS
BASED ON BEGIN'S REACTION TO THE PAPER WHICH ARE ADDITIONAL
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TO THOSE CHANGES CONVEYED TO YOU AND ME BY DINITZ FROM DAYAN.
WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH ONE, THEY WANT TO MAKE CLEAR
THAT PALESTINIAN ARABS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE PLO
WILL NOT BE AT OPENING SESSIONS AT GENEVA EXCEPT AS PART OF
JORDANIAN DELEGATION. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 2.E, THEY
WANT TO BE SURE WE DO NOT MEAN THAT ALL SUBJECTS ENUMERATED IN
THAT PARAGRAPH (WEST BANK, GAZA, PALESTINIAN QUESTION

AND REFUGEES) SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AS A GROUP; FOR
EXAMPLE, GAZA SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH EGYPTIANS AND
PALESTINIANS RATHER THAN WITH PALESTINIANS AND JORDANIANS.
FINALLY, DINITZ SAID, WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 2.E.,
THAT IF WE COULD NOT REACH AGREEMENT THE DRAFT SHOULD
SIMPLY STATE THAT THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN
FURTHER MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

3. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ISRAELIS,
EGYPTIANS, JORDANIANS AND SYRIANS IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY
THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW. IN DOING SO, WE WILL
EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS NOT A FORMAL PROPOSAL BUT A WORKING
PAPER REFLECTING OUR VIEWS ON WHICH WE SEEK THE AGREEMENT
OF THE PARTIES, RECOGNIZING THAT IT DOES NOT MEET ALL THE
DESIDERATA OF ANY OF THEM. IF BEGIN ASKS YOU ABOUT THE
"WORKING PAPER", YOU SHOULD SIMPLY SAY YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED
THAT IT IS GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE LATER THURSDAY TO THE
PARTIES IN NEW YORK.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

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WORKING PAPER ON SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA
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1. THE ARAB PARTIES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A UNIFIED ARAB
DELEGATION FOR THE OPENING SESSIONS AT GENEVA. WITHIN THE
DELEGATION THERE WILL BE PALESTINIANS, WHO MAY INCLUDE
NOT WELL-KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE PLO.

2. THE WORKING GROUPS OR SUBCOMMITTEES FOR THE NEGOTIATION
OF PEACE TREATIES WILL BE FORMED AS FOLLOWS:

A. EGYPT-ISRAEL

B. SYRIA-ISRAEL

C. JORDAN-ISRAEL

D. LEBANON-ISRAEL

E. THE WEST BANK, GAZA, THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND THE
QUESTION OF REFUGEES WILL BE DISCUSSED AMONG ISRAEL, JORDAN,
THE PALESTINIANS AND PERHAPS OTHERS AS DETERMINED AT THE
OPENING SESSIONS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. THE WORKING GROUPS OF SUBCOMMITTEES WILL REPORT TO
THE PLENARY.

END TEXT.

5. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD TELL BEGIN THAT THE

SECRETARY HAS NOTED REPORTS OF HIS ACTIONS TO PREVENT GUSH
EMUNIM FROM ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT
AUTHORIZATION AND TELL HIM THAT THE SECRETARY WAS GLAD TO SEE
THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN THIS STEP WHICH HE RECOGNIZES
IS A POLITICALLY DIFFICULT ONE.
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